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Bainbridge Prepares: Three Days of Preparedness

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (September, 2016) – Public and private sector organizations across the island have joined together to organize three days of emergency preparedness starting on Wednesday, September 28.

There is no denying that at some point in the future the Pacific Northwest will face a natural disaster. Our best defense against the threat of a natural disaster is to have a plan and be prepared. As an island community, Bainbridge Island faces the additional challenge of likely being isolated from the rest of Kitsap County for an extended period of time after a disaster occurs. Working together to become prepared as a community, as neighborhoods and as households will significantly impact how well we survive and thrive after a disaster occurs.

The City of Bainbridge Island has partnered with the Bainbridge Island Library, Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District, Bainbridge Island School District, Bainbridge Island Rotary and Puget Sound Energy to host the Three Days of Preparedness. During the Three Days of Preparedness community members are invited to come together to help us become the most prepared community in the region.

The three day event kicks-off on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30p.m. with the Bainbridge Prepares Film night featuring *The Geological Formation of Bainbridge Island* at Bainbridge Cinemas. The event is open to the public and free of charge. To preview the film visit www.bainbridgegeology.com. After the film, community members will have the opportunity to ask questions of Gregory Geehan, geologist and narrator of the film.

On September 29 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. you're invited to the Bainbridge Prepares Discussion Panel at the Bainbridge High School Commons. Local experts and community leaders will discuss our community's plan to be prepared.

The three day event will culminate on October 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the Bainbridge Prepares Expo. The Expo will take place at City Hall and feature free emergency preparedness kits and information and workshops to help community members get prepared at home, on their commute and at

work. Workshops will cover a variety of topics from how to earthquake retrofit your home to preparedness for seniors to how to make sure your pet is prepared for an emergency.

For more information on the Three Days of Preparedness, including the schedule of workshops for the Bainbridge Prepares Expo, visit www.bainbridgeprepares.org.

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